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(West Suffolk)

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Hadleigh Urban District for the year 1953.

The Vital Statistics for the year are satisfactory and compare favourably with those for the country as a whole.

During the third and fourth quarters of the year sharp epidemics of Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough and Measles occurred. Fortunately they were of a mild nature and no deaths resulted from any of the notifiable diseases.

Considerable time was spent on house inspection and it is clear that there are many families in the town who are living under housing conditions which are far from satisfactory.

During the year the handling of food received attention and efforts were made to secure the cleaner handling of meat particularly in transit.

In conclusion, I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman & Members of the Public Health Committee for their encouragement during the year and to thank Mr. H.R. Woolvett, Clerk to the Council, and Mr. A.S. Garman, Surveyor and Senior Sanitary Inspector, for their valued assistance.

I have the honour to be,
Lady & Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
G.P. BARCLAY,
Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

Figures in parenthesis refer to previous year.

1. General Statistics

Population (1951 Census)	3089 Area 4,317 acres.
" Registrar General's Estimate	3135 (3127)
Rateable Value £ 14378 at 31.3.54.	
Number of inhabitated houses	1090 (1040)
Sum represented by a penny rate £54.6s. 1d. for financial year ended 31.3.1954.	

2. Extracts of Vital Statistics for the Year.

LIVE BIRTHS	Total	M.	F.	Live Birth Rate per 1000 estimated Population
Legitimate	45 (57)	21 (29)	24 (28)	Crude 14.35 (18.6)
Illegitimate	4 (1)	4 (1)	- (-)	" " " (adjusted) 15.93 (20.6)
				" " " England & Wales 15.5 (15.3)
	49 (58)	25 (30)	24 (28)	

STILL BIRTHS	Total	M.	F.	
Legitimate	-	-	-	Still Birth Rate per 1000 population-NIL " " " in England & Wales 0.35 (0.35).
Illegitimate	-	-	-	Illegitimate birth rate 8.1% (1.07%)

These figures are based on the estimate of Registrar General and not on the 1951 Census.

DEATHS, registered in 1953

Total, all causes,
37 - 18 male 19 female

Death Rate (crude) 11.80 (12.3)
" "(adjusted) 9.68 (11.4)
" " in England & Wales 11.4 (11.3)

Number of women dying in or in consequence of pregnancy, child-birth or abortion,

(a) Sepsis Nil
(b) Other causes Nil

	Total	Male	Female
Death of infants under one year	1	1	-
Death rate of infants under one year	20.4 ( )		
" " " " " " " in England & Wales per 1000 live births	26.8 (27.6)		
Deaths from cancer (all ages)	7	2	5
Measles	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Diarrhoea, Gastritis, Enteritis	1	1	-
Heart Disease	10	6	4
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	-	-	-
Bronchitis	5	3	2
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	3	2	1
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Nephritis	1	1	-
Accidents (Not Motor Vehicle)	-	-	-
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	-	-	-
Other and in-defined diseases	10	3	7
TOTAL - all causes	38	19	19

SECTION B

Prevalence of Infectious Diseases - CASES NOTIFIED

	Number Notified Total	Male	Female	Deaths
Erysipelas	-	-	-	Nil
Whooping Cough	38	21	17	
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	
Measles	142	72	70	
Scarlet Fever	50	24	26	

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary M.	F.	Total	Non-Pulmonary M.	F.	Total	Total
No, of cases on register at commencement of year	3	5	8	-	1	1	9
No, of cases added during year	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
No, of cases removed " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No, of deaths during year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No, of cases remaining at end of year	3	6	9	-	1	1	10

FOOD POISONING No action has been called for under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 or Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936. 1 case of food poisoning was reported during the year.

SECTION C

1. Public Health Staff

Medical Officer (Part-time) G.P. Barclay, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
One Sanitary Inspector (Part-time) A.S. Garman, M.U.Mun.E., C.R.S.I.

2. Nursing in the Home

The West Suffolk County Council's Home nursing and midwifery service supply two District Nurses.

3. Infant Welfare Centres.

The West Suffolk County Council provide one centre in the town, held at 2.30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month at the Congregational Church Hall, Market Place. The attendance is good.

4. Health Visiting.

The West Suffolk County Council supply Hadleigh and District with a Health Visitor (part-time).

SECTION D.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47 - Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No cases arose during the year calling for action in accordance with this section of the Act.

SECTION E.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water Supply

31 further connections to the water mains were made during the year for 51 houses making the total number of houses now connected 893 in addition to other properties.

5 samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination and they were all very satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage

Particulars of new drainage to the sewers are given under the heading of work done. 20 further connections to the sewers were made during the year making the total 883 now connected in addition to other properties.

Pail Closets.

702 pail closets were emptied during the year - an average of between 13 and 14 per week. This service was discontinued, by resolution of the Council, at the end of the year.

Scavenging.

The arrangement for the collection and disposal of house and trade refuse is the same as last year, the refuse being collected and taken to a satisfactory tip outside the town by a Contractor. Collections are made once per week in the town or built up area and once a fortnight outside the town area.

SECTION F.

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

By private enterprise	8
By Council	28
Number of Council-houses in course of erection	24
Houses owned by the Council at the end of the year	190
Prefabricated temporary houses	10

SECTION G.

Milk & Dairies Orders.

One supplementary licence renewed for the sale of pasteurised milk and one licence issued for sterilised milk.

Food & Drugs Act, 1938, Section 14.

3 new registrations for the sale of ice-cream making a total number now registered 19.

SECTION H.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector)

Premises	No. in Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities,	3	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	24	7	-
Total	27	7	

2. Cases in which defects were found Nil.
3. Outwork Nil.

SECTION J.

Particulars of Inspections and other work carried out by the Sanitary Inspector for the year ended 31st. December, 1953.

Visits of Inspection	305
Factories (including Bakehouses)	7
Inspections under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	43
Informal notices served on owners and others	17
Informal notices complied with	18
New connections to the sewers (representing 52 houses of which 24 were Council houses.)	20
New W.Cs connected to the sewers	57
New sinks connected to the sewers	48
Existing sinks connected to the sewers	3
New baths connected to the sewers	37
New wash basins connected to the sewers	37
Number of Privy Pits filled in	6
Number of pail closets discontinued	12
Repairs to cottages (general)	29
Samples of water taken for analysis (public supply)	5
Samples of water taken for analysis (private supplies)	9
Nuisances abated	1

Food condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

56½ lbs of English Pork,
16 7oz. tins of Luncheon Meat
2 12 oz. tins of Corned Beef
1 6lb. tin of Ox Tongue
1 10oz. tin of Peas,
4 gallons of Shrimps,
43 9oz. boxes of Tunis Dates.

G.P. BARCLAY,

Medical Officer of Health.

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